

**REMARKS**

By the above actions, claims 2, 6 and 16 have been amended and claims 1 and 17 canceled. In view of these actions and the following remarks, further consideration of this application is now requested.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 2-25 and 17 has been noted with appreciation. As a result, claims 2 and 6 have been amended to incorporate parent claim 1 and thus are now in allowable independent form. Similarly, claim 16 has been amended to incorporate claim 17 and thus now represents claim 17 rewritten in allowable independent form. As a result of these actions, the prior art rejection of claims 1 and 16 has been rendered moot and this application is now in condition for allowance, and action to that effect is hereby requested.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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